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*The Crucible* part 2

8. Anyone with any sense of logic and few to limited brain cells understands and accepts that validity of innocence until proven guilty has major downfalls. Yes, with this in place we disclose biases and only offer evidence to evict someone. In any trial testimonies and data collected at the crime scene help paint a vivid picture for the jury to make a verdict. Even when it comes to picking a jury many procedures go with it as well. We may believe someone to commit an act that needs to be justified, but if evidence isn’t there they are free to go. Yes, in this sense it can be seen as a positive thing within the system too, but anyone can rid of evidence and can walk home clean without facing any punishment for their actions, but imagine if we accused anyone and everyone. It would start to resemble the Salem Witch Trials. Neighbors, family, and friends would start to rat on one another and innocent people would die due to the lack of proof and honesty behind each statement. Many good people would die and those who know how to manipulate the system can continue to live on; isn’t that just swell. Innocence until proven guilty has its plus and minuses, but in Jackie’s eyes the flaws tend to outweigh the positives. We could be readmitting any criminal back into society and recreating the idea of fallacy and corruption in society; this never ending cycle would continue. Humans want to recreate a utopian like society, but how would this become possible if our infrastructure within and out were to crumble due to the corruption of humanity. The idea of innocence until proven guilty is moronic. How can people expect others to be positive, optimistic, and carefree. When in reality we are all vile, corrupt, jealous, and lustful individuals who only desire and expect more. Many criminals break free from the system due to the lack of evidence to prove their guilt and sentence them. At the same time many innocent people tend to get convicted when they were exposed and around in the wrong place and at the wrong time. Innocence works in today’s modern system of law, but in the time of Puritans the main idea was that everyone is guilty until proven innocent. Jackie sees this as an issue with trust and faith in humans. Humans are known for their vile acts through history so how do you suppose that the system is going to stop every perpetrator that is out there, the odds go against this. We are lucky to catch and punish the few that we can. Innocence needs to be proven same with guilt. People tend to be deceitful so how can one expect to trust others especially in a court setting without question the basic principles of who they were, their moral, and why the committed the act. By definition innocence is not guilty by a crime or act. Knowledge is key to proving and setting one free from any restrictions.